

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**3Com Case No. 2580.CS.US.CIP**  
**(MBHB Case No. 99-557)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
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  - b) Petition for Extension of Time
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 20, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed on December 20, 2004.